

23. Note on *Aristeus goldiei* Macleay, and on some other Fishes from New Guinea. By C. TATE REGAN, M.A.

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(Text-figures 1 & 2.)

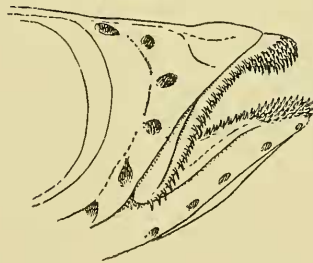
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Mr. A. R. McCulloch, of the Australian Museum, has very kindly sent me some notes on the types of *Aristeus goldiei* Macleay, accompanied by some drawings, which are here reproduced. These leave no room for doubt that this is the species that I have recently described as *Rhombosoma novæ-guineæ* Rams. & Ogilb. (Regan, Trans. Zool. Soc. xx. p. 283, 1914); as Macleay's name has precedence the species should be named *Rhombosoma goldiei*.

According to Mr. McCulloch the types, from the Goldie River, New Guinea, are ten in number and measure 44 to 86 mm. in total length. The dorsal rays number V-VI, I 13-14, the anal rays I 21-24 and the scales in a longitudinal series 34 or 35.

Text-figure 1.



*Rhombosoma goldiei*: mouth, four times natural size

The depth of the body varies from  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in the length in the largest specimen to  $3\frac{3}{4}$  in the smallest. All are marked alike and appear to have been silvery, with the back darker, a broad dark band from pectoral to caudal, and a black band from shoulder to eye.

Mr. McCulloch tells me that the types of *Nematocentris novæ-guineæ* are mislaid and that the type of *N. rubrostriatus* Rams. & Ogilb. is damaged about the mouth-parts; a figure of the upper

jaw is sufficient to indicate that the examples I have recently described as belonging to this species are correctly determined.

Text-figure 2.



*Rhombosoma goldiei*: one of the types, natural size.

Mr. Douglas Ogilby has written calling my attention to *Dules nitens* (Rams. & Ogilb. Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S. Wales, xii. 1887, p. 4) from New Guinea; there can be little doubt that this is a synonym of *Kuhlia humilis* De Vis (Regan, Proc. Zool. Soc. 1913, p. 380), already known from Queensland and the Fiji Islands.